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4 January 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Developments During Your Absence

1. Motor Pool Garage.

Both Woodruff and Preston have felt it essential that we go on record with our Subcommittees, in writing, regarding the garage construction at Headquarters. Accordingly General Walters has sent letters to both McClellan and Mahon (Tab A) which Woodruff and Preston find satisfactory.

2. White House Request that I Stay on Another Year.

On 26 December Bill Timmons called me over to the White House for a gab session with him and his staff (Tom Korologos and Wally Johnson who handle the Senate side, and Dick Cook and Max Friedersdorf on the House side) about coordinating our congressional liaison during the coming session. Timmons confirmed earlier indications that the White House planned to hand-pick congressional liaison officers for the various agencies, and said they wanted me to stay on for the next two or three years. I said I was committed to you to stay on until the end of 1973 and I'd do the same for Schlesinger if he wished. Timmons said he'd "make sure" that Schlesinger wished. In response to Timmons' questions, I said I was aware of no troublesome problems regarding Schlesinger's confirmation, but I said a new Director, like a rookie defensive end, could expect quarterback Fulbright to try to run some tricky plays over him before he got used to his new position. Korologos said that things had gone smoothly when he accompanied Schlesinger to Mississippi and Louisiana for courtesy calls on Stennis and Hebert. Timmons and company asked a lot of questions about how we coordinate our congressional briefings with other agencies, and what congressional problems we saw in the days ahead. They also sought my views on replacements for Abshire in State and Rady Johnson in Defense. (See Tab B).

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At Mrs. Symington's funeral on the 28th I ran into Schlesinger who said he wanted me to stay on. I told him I was flexible but could stay another year if he thought this useful.

3. White House Concern Over Congressional Liaison.

The White House is definitely concerned about its congressional liaison, but doesn't seem to know just what to do about it. I doubt that the Congress is going to find Bill Timmons' public ruminations on the matter (Tab C) entirely reassuring. In fact I think all signs point to major confrontations during the coming session, not only on the "end the war" issue but on a variety of questions including executive privilege, Presidential impoundment of appropriated funds, and the general question of a more active role of the Congress across the board.

Some form of "end the war" proposal probably will get favorable action in the Senate at an early stage. Claiborne Pell tells me that this will completely dominate the initial work of the Foreign Relations Committee. On the House side things may not move so fast, but Peter Frelinghuysen told me last night (3 January) that unless something comes out of the Vietnam negotiations within the next several weeks the House too may take action on the "end the war" issue. (Incidentally, Peter told me that he and Bill Maillard and other Republicans on the Foreign Affairs Committee are furious because, having steadfastly refused to talk to them about Vietnam, Kissinger has now invited the freshman members for a briefing and sent word that the old-timers could "sit in" if they wished.)

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5. Briefing of Full Senate Armed Services Committee.

Braswell called this morning (4 January) and said Stennis wanted a world wrap-up briefing tomorrow (Friday, 5 January). We told him you were not reachable today and suggested putting off the briefing until next week at the earliest. Stennis has now tentatively scheduled the briefing for Monday, 8 January, at 2:30 p.m., subject to your approval. He wants the Committee members to have the benefit of an Agency briefing before confirmation hearings begin on Richardson, Clements and Schlesinger.

6. Confirmation Hearings.

Braswell advised us late today (4 January) that Stennis has scheduled the confirmation hearings on Richardson, Clements, and Schlesinger for Tuesday, 9 January (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). The nominations will be taken up in the above order and the hearings will continue on Wednesday morning and afternoon if necessary. General Walters is notifying Schlesinger.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

27 December 1972

Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In the absence of the Director, he has asked me to inform you that the General Services Administration will be requesting bids within the next month for the construction of a motor pool garage and repair facility at the Agency headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

This facility will replace a building located in South Arlington some 12 miles from Langley, the lease of which will expire in FY 1975 without renewal option. This forced relocation, and the general inefficiency and inconvenience experienced with various leased facilities remote from the Langley headquarters, has led to a decision to consolidate our motor pool functions into one facility at the headquarters site. The new building will be 189 feet long, 71 feet wide, and 26 feet high.

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STAT We will be happy to provide any additional information that you may desire.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: White House Discussion of Agency Congressional Liaison

1. Today I attended a meeting in the office of Bill Timmons, Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations, at his invitation. Also present were Dick Cook, Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs (House); Tom Korologos, Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs (Senate); Max Friedersdorf, Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs (House); and Wallace Johnson, Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs (Senate).

2. A couple of weeks ago Korologos had tipped me off that Timmons wanted to talk to me about postponing my retirement and Timmons opened the discussion by saying he hoped I would stay on for the next two or three years, or at least until the new Director got well settled in and a replacement could be found for my job.

3. I said I had agreed with Mr. Helms to stay until the end of 1973 and was still prepared to do this if Dr. Schlesinger so desired, but I felt he should have his options. Timmons said he would "make sure" that this was all right with Schlesinger. I said I was flattered to be asked to stay on but felt sure that within a year a fully qualified replacement could be found, adding that my present deputy, [] could take over the job tomorrow if need be and that once Dr. Schlesinger and the White House liaison team got acquainted with him they would undoubtedly agree. I briefly described [] background and qualifications.



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4. In response to their questions, I identified the other members of OLC and their respective responsibilities. To their further questions, I explained in some detail what our day to day work amounted to and the most common problems that we encountered.

5. In reply to questions, I said that Helms would certainly be missed within the Agency and by a number of key people on the Hill who held him in the highest regard, but I saw no reason to think there would be congressional opposition to Schlesinger. Korologos remarked that he had accompanied Schlesinger recently on visits to Senator Stennis in Mississippi and Representative Hebert in Louisiana and things had gone smoothly. Timmons said I should be sure to pass on to Schlesinger any suggestions as to how he should reply to questions that might come up during the confirmation hearing.

6. When queried about the outlook for the coming year, I said a new Director, like a rookie defensive end, could expect quarterback Fulbright to try to run some tricky plays over him before he got settled in his position. In addition, I said Congress was likely to focus on three main areas of concern regarding the Agency:

- a. Increased knowledge of, and control over, its funds;
- b. Broader access to the intelligence product; and
- c. Closer scrutiny and tighter legislative controls over political and paramilitary operations.

7. To questions regarding my personal views on the LIG (Legislative Interdepartmental Group), I said these meetings sometimes provided a useful device for discussing broad congressional issues of concern to the CIA and other Executive agencies. For example, I said I thought it very important that the full legislative resources of the Administration be coordinated in order to forestall disruptive and restrictive congressional intervention in Agency operations.

8. In response to further questions, I explained the general pattern and policies of our congressional briefings, how we handle sensitive material (including custody of transcripts) and policies governing clearances of congressional staff personnel (of both committee staff and staffs of individual members).

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9. To the question of coordinating congressional briefings with other agencies, especially Defense and State, I said that our substantive experts were in close daily communications with their opposite numbers in these agencies, and serious substantive differences between them were rare. I added that short of trying to sweep major substantive differences under the rug, we worked closely with our opposite numbers and I was in touch with Dave Abshire in State and Rady Johnson in Defense.

10. Timmons said they were concerned about a replacement for Abshire and he wondered if I had any views. He said they had approached former Congressman Armistead Selden, but had been turned down. He wondered whether I knew Jack Marsh, former congressman from Virginia. I said Marsh was indeed an old personal friend, and a very good friend of the Agency and a supporter of the Administration. However, I said I had understood that his health may have been a factor in his retirement from politics and this might create a problem. In response to their questions about career Foreign Service Officers, I said one of my best personal friends, who was also an officer whom I admired professionally, was Tap Bennett, former DCM Athens, Ambassador to the Dominican Republic and to Portugal, and now Deputy U.S. representative to the UN Security Council. I remarked that Bennett, a native of Georgia, had been a protege of Senator Russell's and I thought was well connected with Capitol Hill.

11. In closing they asked me to give further thought to candidates for the State Department job and to see if I could come up with some names of congressional staff members. One name they mentioned was Marian Czarnecki, Staff Coordinator, House Foreign Affairs Committee. I said I had a very good impression of him although I had never worked closely with him.

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